



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

May 9 – 7:00 Village Council Meeting

May 24 – 7:00 Parks and Rec. Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

MAY 11, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES – CARD BINGO

MAY 12, 7:00 PM, FAITH CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

MAY 20, MEET AT COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8:30 AM FOR TRIP TO DANIEL STOWE BOTANICAL GARDENS

LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY CLUB)

MAY 24, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER ST

LAKE PARK "AMERICAN IDOL"

MAY 5 7:00 PM, GAZEBO ACROSS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER

ADULT POOL PARTY

MAY 26, 7:00 PM, LAKE PARK POOL

POOL OPENING DAY

MAY 27

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN MEETING

JULY 17, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Upcoming Parks and Rec Events

May 5 - Lake Park's version of American Idol – If you are a singer, a dancer, a musician, etc., you can perform and win a prize and get to entertain at upcoming village events. The show starts 7 p.m. at the Gazebo. For questions, contact JoAnn Carreras, 704 882-8898 or Fleta Thomas, 704 882-6519.

May 26 - Adult Pool Party - 7 p.m. Refreshments and Entertainment

May 27 - Opening Day at the Pool - Free swimming, no charge to enter.

Waxhaw Visitor Saves Fennel Street Resident

Contributions at Village Office

Amanda Jordon, whose grandparents are building in Lake Park, first spotted the smoke on Fennel Street at about 10:30 PM on April 8. She called 911 as her friend, Tyler Privette of Potter Downs, Waxhaw, entered the home of Mr. Billy Ponder striving to douse the flames in his kitchen. Tyler assisted Mr. Ponder to safety and encouraged Ms. Arlene Snyder to vacate her next door residence while Hemby Bridge, Stallings and Bakers fire departments rushed to Lake Park. Though Mr. Ponder's house was a loss, damage to the Snyder home was confined to the exterior.

Private individual or group contributions for Mr. Ponder may be dropped off with the Lake Park Village Clerk from 9am -12noon on weekdays, or call 704-882-9692 to make other arrangements. One other serious house fire occurred on Mimosa Court in 2003. A new home stands on that site today. Lake Park provides an annual \$2000 donation to the Hemby Bridge Fire Department. Council agreed at the April 18 meeting to also express thanks to all of the responding fire departments.

April Council Meeting

Highlights from the April 18 meeting

- The newly formed security task force reported that they had met 2 times prior to the Council meeting. The group is considering options to augment the law enforcement presence within the village. These options range from establishing a village police force to adding an additional Union County deputy to doing nothing different than what we are doing today. This group expects to present a recommendation to the Council during the May 9th meeting.

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For your information...

Growing Profit in Lake Park

The Economic Development Commission is planning a 2-hour June workshop for all business owners in Lake Park, to produce a group marketing strategy, to develop marketing ideas that will promote successful growth and to recognize their dedicated leadership. Village Council urges all Town Center businesses, the academy and the nursing and rehab center to participate in this event. Further details will be included in invitations to each business owner.

Parks and Rec Looking for a Band

The Parks and Recreation commission is looking for an old-fashioned band to play for the village 4th of July celebration. If you know of a band that might fit the bill, contact JoAnn Carreras at 882-8898 or Fleta Thomas at 882-6519.

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- A representative from Action Garbage Service attended the meeting to mark the first anniversary of their contract.
- The Parks and Recreation commission posted four new park regulation signs on roads entering Lake Park. At the same time, the new fishing permit went into effect. In the first two weeks of the program, 14 residents had purchased the \$2.00 yearly permits. In addition, the commission now has a vacancy. Any person interested in serving in this important group, please contact Fleta Thomas at (704) 882-6519.

Council Considers Spill Penalties

Cooking oil, liquid paint, and motor oil placed in the trash containers are prohibited and are hazardous to the collection crew when trucks compact trash. Action Garbage Service reports each violation to the Village Clerk, including the address of the owner responsible for discarding these prohibited items in carts or bins. Council has been sending a reminder notice to any negligent owner but is now considering fines for future violations.

Any spill prevents trucks from completing their rounds before the afternoon school buses return to Lake Park because attendants must remove enough of the splash from themselves and the slick road to proceed safely. AGS cannot clean spills from private driveways, lawns or plantings adjacent to the negligent owner's home so neighbors are left with a mess.

Oil, paint, and toxins must never be put in the carts or bins. Council cautions all residents to respect AGS guidelines for discardable items and recyclable items. See attached recyclable items guidelines brochure.

Security Report

For March 2006

For the second consecutive month, the total number of calls in Lake Park was less than the previous month. In March, the Union County Sheriff's department responded to 68 calls compared 81 in February. Of the 68 calls, Officer Miles, the Lake Park deputy, responded to 49 of them (72%). Twelve calls were associated with traffic stops while ten were for general calls, normally associated with information requests. In addition, there were nine calls for disturbances and eight for suspicious persons or vehicles.